

[English]

Development Of Commercial Crops**5826. SHRISANAT KUMAR MANDAL:**

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is lower utilisation of plan outlay for commercial crops such as oilseeds, cotton, pulses;

(b) if so, the reason there fore;

(c) the plan provision for development of commercial crops in 1990-91 and the estimated amount actually utilised; and

(d) the measures taken to give impetus to the production of these commercial crops in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) since the State Governments are the implementing agencies., the utilisation of funds depends upon the progress of implementation of these schemes.

(c) The Plan provision and the utilisation of funds in respect of oilseeds, pulses and cotton during 1990-91 is given below.

	<i>Outlay</i>	<i>Utilisation</i>	
		<i>(Rs. in lakhs)</i>	
1. Oilseeds	6,000	5219.14	
2. pulses	2,405	1670.80	
3. Cotton	390	174.66	

(d) The Oilseeds Production Programme, the National Pulses Develop-

ment Programme, the Special Foodgrain Production Programme (pulses) and the Intensive Cotton Development Program of the government of India are being implemented to increase the production of these commercial crops in the country. In addition, State Governments have been requested to give their suggestions to suitably modify these programmes to make them even more effective.

Central State Farms.

5827. SHRI VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central State farms in the country, state-wise;

(b) Whether these farms are functioning profitably;

(c) the total production of various foodgrains in these farms during 1991-92;

(d) whether the Government have any plan to improve the functioning of these farms; and

(e) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) (a) There are 13 Central State Farms in the country. State-Wise break up of the same is as under

Assam	2
Haryana	1
Karnataka	1
Kerala	1
Mizoram	1

Punjab 1

Rajasthan 3

Tamil Nadu 1

Uttar Pradesh 2

(b) During the year 1990-91 all the farms except Jetsar in Rajasthan Rae Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh, Barpeta in Assam and the farm in Mizoram showed profit. In 1991-92 all the farm except the one in Mizoram are likely to show profit.

(c) Total production of various foodgrains at these farms for 1990-91 will be known only after harvesting of Rabi, 1992 crop. Total foodgrain production for 1990-91 was 2.56 lakhs quintals.

(d) To improve efficiency and performance of State Farm Corporation of India (SFCI) a diagnostic study has been got conducted through a Consultant appointed under National seeds Project- III.

(e) The Consultant appointed to undertake the diagnostic study of the Corporation have identified the following key issues which need improvements;

(i) Average gross income per hectare of the Corporation is low.

(ii) Average gross yield per hectare is also low due to inadequate irrigation, improper crop management etc.

(iii) Crop intensity is also low

(iv) High costs of operation

(v) Wastage rate of seed is very high

(vi) Absence of proper marketing systems and lack of supervision and control

Based on the above diagnosis following remedial actions are being contemplated:

(i) Improvement in existing productivity of crops by a change in the crop-mix and increased operational and management efficiency;

(ii) increase in the cropped area by extending/ improving irrigation facilities and hence increase in total output.

In order to achieve the above objectives the Corporation is being suitably strengthened through different measures including injection of adequate financial assistance.

Recognition Of SCs/ STs In Andaman And Nicobar Island

5828. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recognised Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) the percentage of reservation in Government services for them in the said Union Territory; and

(c) whether the employees working under the Union Territory Administration of Andaman and Nicobar Islands are treated at par with those of the Central Government employees for all purposes working directly with the Ministries/Departments of the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRT): (a) The following communities have been notified as scheduled Tribes in the U.T. of Andaman and Nicobar Islands:-